

## JOHN AND THOMAS JORDAN OF GUILFORD, CONNECTICUT, AND THEIR DESCENDANTS.

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1. JOHN<sup>1</sup> and THOMAS<sup>2</sup> JORDAN, probably brothers, were among the first settlers of Guilford. John Jordan signed the plantation Covenant of June 1, 1639. Thomas may have been too young at that time. They were both persons of distinction among the early colonists, John Jordan's name appears in one of the records in the Deed of Land to the settlers of Guilford, Dec. 17, 1642, and again with Mr. Pelegore & his brother Thomas Jordan's in the deed of Wreckers to Mr. Whitfield, Sept. 26, 1644. His death, probably, early in Jun., 1644-50, as his inventory is dated Feb. 1, 1645-50. In 1644 Thomas Clark of Milford had married Ann, widow of John Jordan.

Thomas<sup>3</sup> Jordan, one of the most prominent of the settlers of Guilford, was young, perhaps not quite of age, when the colony was planted. He was one of the members chosen to the Provincial Court chosen Oct. 7, 1646, and Treasurer from an early period. He was Representative in the Provincial Court, 1651-1654, at which sessions, and was appointed by the Provincial Court to go to Boston with an Amicus to the General Court of Massachusetts, 1653. As a man so influential, Sept. 1, 1646, he took down the residence in "short land." About 1652 he returned to England, as he no longer appears on the Town and Colony Records. In a letter written by him to Mr. Lester, from England, he gives his name to Andrew Lester, who had married his daughter, Elizabeth Jordan, June 1, 1652. In 1656, William Lester and Charles Lester were administrators of their grandfather's "Mr. Thomas Jordan dec'd late of old England," part of whose land had been laid out first in Mr. William Lester and Mr. Thurston, lord in possession and agree. Anselm. His grandchildren were, Miles, William and Christopher, Dorothy, Abigail, and Mary Lester.

On Sept. 12, 1656, William Lester wrote to Gen. John Whalley asking him (4 Mass. His. Soc. Coll., vii, p. 202) to try to gain Mr. Jordan's consent to the return of his wife's inheritance of his property to his son Andrew. On March 28, 1658, a letter was drawn on the town bank of Guilford, from Thomas Jordan to Gen. Lester, authorizing the returning of Jordan's land to Andrew Lester, with the condition that "should he Harry her and take another wife," after his death the land "shall go to the children of my daughter, or the uses of her, of her body to my lawful living."

1. JOHN<sup>1</sup> JORDAN married ANN, daughter of John Bishop, and had the following children.

I. HANNAH, b. in June 16, 1638, Robert Willegan.

II. EMMERSON, d. 12:20, m. Nov. 17, 1664, Sarah Richiard, wch. d. 1729.

III. MARY, m. Abraham Post (wrongly called Oliver in Reference vol. 22, p. 107).

2. JR. JORDAN, b. Mar., 1640-1.

3. JOHN<sup>1</sup> JORDAN (John<sup>1</sup>) was a Cooper, and married Deborah \_\_\_\_\_, who died in 1677. He removed to Milford, and sold his house lot in Guilford to William Lester, Jr., on June 24, 1679. Before

JORDAN or GUTHRIE, CRATE.—Supplementary to the note of Dr. Bernard C. Sibley on John and Thomas Jordan of Guthrie, Crate, and their descendants, printed in the *Genealogist* vol. III, page 378. It may be said that John Jordan (John<sup>1</sup>) married a second time and the evidence *now* presented verifiably that his second wife was Katherine, daughter of Alexander and Catherine (Post) Chaffee, and that she was the mother of James<sup>2</sup> (John<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>) Jordan, and probably of Catharine Jordan who married William Hutchell.

A return of arbitration re to settle a difficulty between Thomas Avery et al. and James Jordan and Stephen Post in behalf of his brothers, concerning a place of land in Big Creek, Newmarket Reserve, see V, p. 181, dated Oct. 22, 1868, recites that "the parties descended from Sir Stephen Post, now in possession of the grand-children Abram and James Post and the great-grand-child James Jordan."

Abram, son of Stephen Post of Farnbrook, married Mary, the sister of absent Jordan as noted by Dr. Sicard. Katherine, daughter of Abram Post, married Alexander Chaffee, and was the mother of four daughters: Mary, b. 1822, who married Richard Conner, Hutchinson, b. 1827, died 1870; Jane b. 1823;

it has been urged that Catharine, daughter of Alexander Chaffee, married John Hill, but the Brock Reserve (vol. I, p. 181) affords ample proof that John Hill married the widow, and not the daughter, of Alexander Chaffee. The present affidavit shows that he this Chaffee family must have found the granddaughter of Stephen Post, who married John<sup>2</sup> Jordan, and further proves up, also from the fact that Abram, son of Alexander Chaffee, ancestor of John<sup>2</sup> Jordan, with (will not form), mother himself to the "names" (names) of Mary<sup>2</sup> Jordan (John<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>)—of the three post-war Chaffee girls, Katherine, by reason of age and the passing down of the name in the next generation, seems probably to have been the wife of John<sup>2</sup> Jordan (John<sup>3</sup>). MATT B. SIBLEY.

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